

DOLLAR POINT ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

By John Casaudoumecq

Fellow Members,

Let me update you on what has happened at Dollar Point this winter. Cailin Jope, DPA Manager, hired a new Assistant Manager. His name is Jacob McCoy, and Jacob has many years of experience as a Park Ranger. We welcome Jacob to Dollar Point Association. Cailin and Treasurer Mark Swoboda have transitioned our accounting services to a local provider, the McClintock Accountancy. We expect this will improve our financial management without a material change in cost. Unfortunately, our long-time property insurer issued a nonrenewal "due to wildfire exposure. The risk has very high exposure to wildfire". Recently, many homeowners and Associations have received non-renewal notices, so this was not a surprise. Jim Donahue, Cailin, and our insurance broker are working hard to find replacement coverage.

A quick reminder, over the last few years, North Tahoe Fire and Placer County Sherriff personnel speaking at our annual meeting, have asked us to respect all red flag warnings. Their message is those with the ability to relocate to their permanent residence should do so early on so that others have the opportunity to safely evacuate in the event the warning becomes a reality. The footage and photos of people evacuating the South Shore last summer highlight the wisdom of the advice.

Greg Felich, our long-time (40 years) Tennis professional, notified us in early March that he is retiring. We thank Greg for all he has done for Dollar Point and the generations of students he and his team have instructed. We wish him well in retirement. Alan Foster is coming back and will oversee Dollar Point's tennis program this summer. We look forward to a summer without smoke, with tennis and a few mixers thrown in. In late Spring, the lower tennis courts will be resurfaced. We also will move the pickleball nets to upper tennis court number 1.

TRPA has recently confirmed our coverage at the beach. A coverage determination is an essential step in the approval process to improve access to the beach for those who find the steep incline difficult to impossible. The engineering and design firm we hired is now working on plans including an increase to beach parking, and we are hoping to receive TRPA approval.



Recently, local officials and organizations focused on water quality, requested we highlight a growing problem in the Tahoe Basin. Dog waste. Dog waste is a toxin. It doesn't just decompose and go away. It is full of pathogens and nutrients and bacteria like E. coli and fecal coliform that are harmful to ecosystems. When dog waste gets into the watershed, the nutrients cause algae and weeds to grow, making water green, smelly, and unswimmable. The pathogens make people sick.

A single gram of dog waste contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, on average. There are hundreds, thousands of dogs in the Tahoe Basin on any given day- Tahoe is a dog's paradise. We all need to change behavior and set up an expectation among dog owners that it is our responsibility to pick up after our dogs. This is not an issue specific to visitors, part-time residents, or full-time residents. People from all groups refuse to acknowledge that cultural norms have changed. The Association provides bag dispensers located near its facilities, stocked with bags for your use. If you notice an empty dispenser, please let the office know.

Local ordinance prohibits dogs on our beach year around. DPA does allow those with boats in our buoy field to bring their dog onto the pier and boat. When going to or from the pier, please do not permit your dog relieve itself anywhere inside the main gate and please pick-up after your dog. Please do not stop with your dog at the side of the asphalt path for ANY reason. We want everyone to enjoy Tahoe equally and keep everyone, especially children who play in the sand, healthy.

Moving on, the Association will elect four directors at this summer's annual meeting. If you are interested in serving as a Director, (Directors serve a two-year term and are permitted to serve a total of three consecutive terms), please send a statement of interest and qualifications to me at john.casaudoumecq@gmail.com or to Cailin in the DPA office by April 30, 2022. Interviews with the nominating committee will occur in May. The Board will make its recommendations in early June.

Thank You.



DPA Electronic Payments

by Nate Walker

The 2021 website survey results indicated a high interest in offering electronic payments. During the winter season, we investigated the implementation alternatives and security required to implement electronic payments. The DPA Board supports moving forward with electronic payments under the following conditions: 1) all member payment information will be stored securely by the service provider, not on the DPA website or computer systems. 2) Those using electronic payments via the website will be responsible for the credit card transaction fees (2.5% of the transaction amount). The transaction fees will be added to the amount of the payments. This allows minimal cost impact on the DPA budget at this time. Authorize.net, a division of VISA, has been selected as our payments service provider. VISA, MasterCard and American Express will be accepted. All payment information is encrypted and stored at Authorize.net data centers. The DPA office has recently completed operational testing and will be ready for limited member use in May. The first electronic payments will be accepted for a weekly buoy or kayak rack rentals. This will enable checking the member experience and backend processes with a limited number of transactions over the summer. Based on member feedback and office staff experience we will make adjustments to use electronic payments for membership dues and the buoy/rack lottery in 2023. Many thanks to Cailin for the investigation of alternatives and for working to integrate electronic payments into the DPA website and office processes.

DPA Newsletter Going Electronic

by Nate Walker



Starting with the Spring 2022 newsletter we are going fully electronic. No more snail mail. Why? Reduced cost for the association and faster access for members and families. Electronic distribution reduces layout costs and eliminates printing and postage costs. Members and their families will receive an email with a link to the newsletter PDF posted to the website. All can then access the newsletter PDF via the website anytime, anywhere on any device. Members can also print out a copy at home if needed. Actions you need to take: 1) Make sure your email address in the directory is correct. 2) If you don't have an email address, set one up and let the DPA office know what it is. Lastly, the DPA office will have a limited supply of newsletters printed for those who do not have an email address.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Dani Johnston

Summer will be here before we know it. It is time to start thinking about defensible space and wildfire safety. The December storms created quite a bit of storm damage debris throughout the neighborhood with downed branches, broken shrubs, and fallen roof tiles that will need to be addressed. Now that the snow is melting, it is also a good time to evaluate if the manzanita and whitethorn on your property needs to be cut back, trees limbed, and pine needles raked and bagged. The FireWise Committee has scheduled two initial Dumpster Days on **Friday, May 27**, and **Monday, May 30** for green waste only from 8am-2pm. At the request of several homeowners, a third Dumpster Day opportunity will be on **Friday, July 29** from 8am-2pm. Please keep track of the number of hours you spend cleaning up your defensible space on your property, as well as money spent on hiring professional arborists and landscape laborers. The FireWise Committee submits that data and it helps our neighborhood maintain its National FireWise Certification.

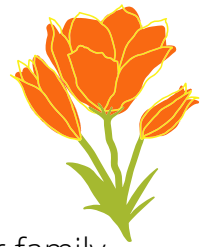
New Management Addition

Jacob McCoy was hired as the Assistant Manager in January 2022. He's been learning the ropes from Cailin and is enthusiastic about serving the Dollar Point community. Jacob served honorably in the U.S. Air Force, working in information management. Then he spent most of his career so far working in state and national parks throughout the west - in management, natural resources, education, law enforcement, and maintenance. Jacob has a real passion for the outdoors. He was in the boy scouts growing up and spent a lot of time hiking and camping in the Appalachian mountains. You can usually find him after work hiking around the lake. If you have a favorite hiking or swimming spot, make sure to let him know. Other fun facts - he loves to water ski and is about 95% vegan. So, if you like to share food, bring him fruits and vegetables!





ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S REPORT



By Cailin Jope

Dear Members:

We are looking forward to serving you this season. Our goal is that you and your family members will have a pleasurable time at the Dollar Point facilities. The following message will give you the information you need for enjoying the venues:

Access

To enter a facility, at least one person in your group must have a valid white photo ID card. Members and family members described in the rules and listed by the member on the family listing may obtain an id card. If you appear without your issued card, entry will not be permitted. Not every family member needs a photo ID because one family member may bring other family members or house guests in. We encourage family members who use the facilities the most to have a photo ID. Passes from previous years are still active.

Pool Opening

We are anticipating a pool opening a week prior to Memorial Day. To make a lap swim reservation, please log onto our website and fill out the swim reservation form under the Pool tab. There is a link on the page as well explaining the rules of our reservation system.

Beach Opening

Paddleboards and Kayaks with rack rights stickers will be allowed to use the racks on the beach on May 1st and the first day of the buoy service will be May 10th.

Tennis Courts

Currently, the lower tennis courts are open and ready to use with the blue access card, be sure to check the reservation sheet by the entrance before playing! We are expecting the upper tennis and pickleball courts to open soon. Signs-ups will be entirely digital this year. Log onto the Dollar Point website and under the 'Tennis' tab will be an option to reserve a tennis court.